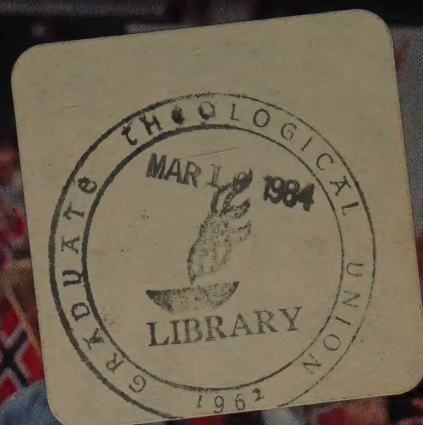


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By Janice Pedersen

Be Impressed

Be impressed.

After all, you have the right.

You are part of something bigger.

You are part of:

- An organization which now starts a church every 8 hours.
- Approximately 9,000 churches and 550,000 members worldwide!
- An international church concerned about a Foursquare Gospel to the whole person—body, soul and spirit.
- The salvation of 300,000 people in a single year.
- A woman's ministry which sent headlines across America and who founded our international church (page 3).
- The first evangelical church to be established in Norway in 75 years (caption, page 3).
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- Eight Foursquare military chaplains whom generals rate among the highest (page 6).
- Dedicated missionaries who do not regard their people as a "mission field," but rather "friends and brothers" (page 8).
- The dynamic, explosive, Spirit-filled lives of our Bible college students (page 12).

You are part of something bigger. We need to stop, take a moment, and look at the impressive things God is doing through us corporately. We need to feel a sense of working together. The metropolitan church in California needs to join hands with the church in the backwoods of South Carolina and remember the childhood song, "If we all pull together, how happy we'll be. For your work is my work and our work is God's work." Honestly, doesn't that song make more sense to you now?!

You are part of something bigger. The *Advance* Business Manager, John Bowers, mentioned the other day that as he was looking on his Thomas map for the street location of the West Adams Foursquare Church in Los Angeles, he noticed a square with a cross! The church was on the map! As he related this fact to the congregation, they rejoiced and praised God that they had indeed made a mark on their community.

You are part of something bigger. At a meeting of the U.S. Center for World Mission located in Pasadena, California, the special strategic "Hidden Peoples" missions issue of the Foursquare World *Advance* was passed out—mind you—as an example of what a denomination can do in reaching the yet unreached tribes of the world.

I am impressed.

You will be, too.

Read this issue and be impressed.



This We Believe

...that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God (II. Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:19-21).

...that God is triune—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (I John 5:7; John 1:1,2,14).

...that man fell through disobedience (Romans 5:12,19).

...that Christ died to redeem us (Titus 2:14; Gal. 3:13).

...that salvation is through grace (Eph. 2:8-10; Rom. 3:23,24).

...that repentance and acceptance are vital (I John 1:9; John 6:37b).

...that new birth must be experienced to become a child of God (John 3:3; II Cor. 5:17).

...in a daily Christian life (I Thess. 5:23; Heb. 6:1).

...in water baptism through immersion (Rom. 6:4; Acts 2:41).

...in the institution of the Lord's supper (I Cor. 11:23b-28).

...in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5,8; 2:4).

...in the Spirit filled life (Rom. 12:1,2; Gal. 5:16,25).

...in the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 12:6-8; Gal. 5:22,23; John 15:8).

...that we must be moderate in all things (Phil. 4:5).

...in Divine healing (James 5:14-16; Matt. 8:17).

...that the Second Coming of Christ is both imminent and personal (I Thess. 4:16,17).

...in Church relationship and in civil government (Heb. 10:24,25; Rom. 13:1,3).

...in the final judgment (Matt. 13:41-43).

...in heaven and hell (I Cor. 2:9; John 14:2; Rev. 20:10,15).

...in tithes and offerings to support the Lord's work (Malachi 3:10; II Cor. 9:7).

...that the Church is responsible to evangelize all nations (Mark 16:15; John 4:35-37).

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COVER: Lise Bretz (center, front), daughter of Foursquare missionaries to Norway, participates in Norway's May 17 Independence Day parade. Ours is the first mainline evangelical denomination to be established in Norway in 75 years. Photo submitted by Greg and Inger Bretz.

1944 Exhortation 40 Years Current

reach the Foursquare Gospel!



These are days of
unprecedented opportunities....
These are missionary days....
These are home-front days....
Oh, my soul burns within me
to fulfill the Master's call, for
He said, "The harvest truly is
plenteous" (Matt. 9:37, KJV).

What we do, we must do
quickly—right now. The fields
are white unto the harvest, and
the time is very short to speak
to people about their soul's
salvation. We want our
students to be trained to go as
missionaries, to the Philippines
and to all the islands of the sea.

Let us do more for God.
Choir, don't fall away now.
Orchestra, stick to it yet a little
while. Students, keep at it. You
will be the most needed people
on earth. Members, keep
praying, keep serving, keep
giving to God, that the Word
might go forth.

*Our founder's motto was "Around the
World With the Foursquare Gospel!" Today,
we continue to do just that with Foursquare
now influencing 48 countries.*

*Here in the Transkei, located in South
Africa, Foursquare missionary Lewis Ziegler
baptizes many new Christians each year as
an outward profession of their faith in Christ.*

When the battle waxes and
waned, keep on. It might not
look so favorable, at times, but
press on. It may be forward
and then backward, but keep
on. We are sure to win if we
keep praying and working.
When you cannot see ahead of
you and you cannot see to the
right or the left or the enemy is
behind, what can you do?
**LOOK UP. LIFT UP YOUR
HEADS.** You cannot look up
without lifting up your head.

The Lord is strong and
mighty. This is not a gospel
that is weak. Our Lord is a
mighty Lord.

We have the real gospel in
this Bible, and if you preach it
by the flame of Pentecost, you
have a wonderful light on the
gospel, by the living torch of
the upper room, and we do not
have to compromise or cut off
any of it. We can preach it
from cover to cover. Preach the
Foursquare Gospel!

Hold the Foursquare
Fortress firm,

'Tis the testing day.
The enemy on ev'ry hand,
Presseth hard the fray.

Lift the blood-stained
banner high.

It must not touch the
ground.

Preach the Foursquare
Gospel

With a certain sound!



*Adapted from "Lift Up Your Heads!", The
Foursquare Magazine, November, 1944. Song verse
from "Preach the Word!" by Aimee Semple
McPherson.*

Something New in Yankee Doodle Country

Forum

Advance: For those of us who have never visited there, what are the New England states like?

Walter Brandenburg: You will find New England a place of great beauty and history. The people take pride in knowing they are descendants of those who sailed on the Mayflower. Many are very religious people, but in the past they have known neither the Spirit, His power, or the Word of God. The culture itself varies from the backwoods of Maine to the bustling metropolis of Boston.

David Holland: Having grown up in the inner city of Los Angeles, it is a joy to enter the community-oriented society of New England and see its beautifully wooded areas. I have also noticed that, while being cosmopolitan and sophisticated, somehow the Yankee spirit of independence has been maintained.

Spiritually, New England is starting

The Pemaquid Point lighthouse in Maine is said to be the most photographed lighthouse on the East Coast.

to experience the spring of New Life from above. But the population as a whole is largely turned off to any type of religion—Jews don't visit the synagogue much, Catholics are such in birth and name only, and Protestants are generally not involved. A town of 20,000 people in the Midwest or South would have up to 50 churches, while here we would have 12 to 18.

Advance: Supervisor Kurtz, when did the Foursquare message first come to New England, and how has it spread since then?

J. Eugene Kurtz: The Foursquare Gospel Church first entered the New England states in 1950 when Robert and Beverly Hils felt called to Maine, establishing a work in Gardiner, next door to the capital city. Today this is our strongest work in Maine. Now we have works in Portland, Bath, Skowhegan, Etna and Bangor, Maine.

Only five years ago, Robert and Janene Prudler returned from California to their home state of Massachusetts to establish a strong congregation in Hanson. People came from all over the South Boston area to be saved, healed, filled with the Spirit, and learn of a living, acting Christ they had not

Lisa and Marcus Brandenburg, children of Walter and Judy Brandenburg, pastors of the Hanson, Massachusetts, Foursquare Church, pose in front of the Mayflower II. The Mayflower II is a replica of the original, built in England, and docked in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

known of before. Soon, a nucleus was born to open the work in Easton.

Praise the Lord, it seems that with each new work born there is also born a spirit of outreach and evangelism. Every new church has at least one outreach in another community. Some have three outreach works. We now have additional fellowships in Taunton and New Bedford, Massachusetts, and in Cranston and New Kingstown, Rhode Island, with four other Bible studies growing weekly.

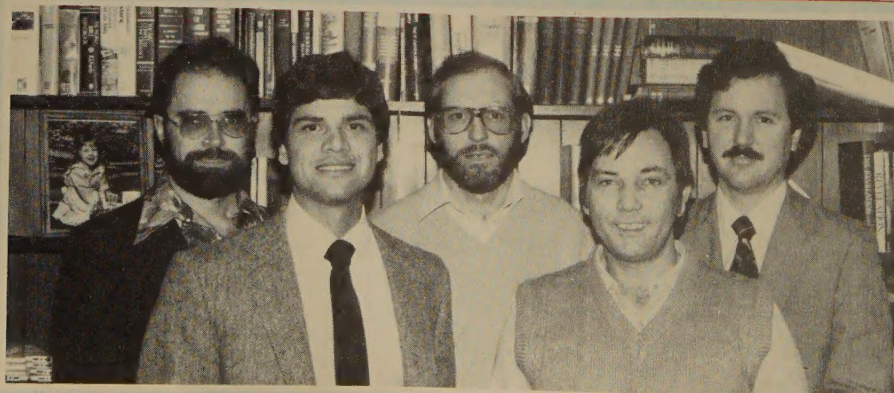
Advance: It sounds like a chain reaction. What do you pastors see God doing today in the New England states?

Holland: I see the dynamic of a mobilized priesthood of believers turning New England upside down. The opportunities for pioneer churches are immense. I foresee church leaders training their people to take the gospel to all the world. The churches of Hanson and Easton, Massachusetts, have started a local church institute with 45 students which will help produce leadership for the awakening coming upon us.

Brandenburg: I agree—God must be preparing His people and establishing churches so that, as He brings revival to pass, places will be available for the people to go and be ministered

Editor's note: Dialogue format adapted from questions and answers by letter correspondence.

These New England pastors meet every Thursday for concentrated prayer. Left to right: Walter Brandenburg, Hanson, MA; Tony Macias, Raynham, MA; Robert Prudler, Cranston, RI; Eugene Pick, New Bedford, MA; David Holland, Easton, MA.





These children in the Easton, Massachusetts, Foursquare Church nursery class know Jesus is the only way to heaven.



Thousands of New Englanders are praying for—and seeing—revival, including these at a Foursquare family camp at Camp Kiwanee in Hanson, Massachusetts.

I have seen this already in my own life. In 1974 while visiting Gardiner, Maine, God spoke to the heart of my wife and myself that we would one day be pastoring that church. Four years later, God brought that to pass. But as we were preparing to go, God also spoke strongly that we would not only be pastoring, but would be involved in seeing a whole area develop. Four years later when God moved us to pastor the new work in Hanson, we saw this beginning to happen.

Now, thousands and thousands of people from all denominations are gathered throughout New England praying for revival—a revival that I believe has already begun and will far eclipse any other revival this part of the country has ever known. I believe it will have an impact on the whole nation, as it reaches into colleges and universities such as Harvard, Cambridge, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), University of Massachusetts, Northeastern, Boston College and Boston University.

Advance: Brother Kurtz, as Supervisor, what is your response to God's work in this "frontier land" as it were?

Kurtz: Definitely, there is a keen spiritual sense that God is doing something unique and that it is the beginning of something great. Many believers who travel into the area and worship are immediately aware of the unusualness of the Lord's presence. And the Lord is confirming His Word as the Scriptures promise with the gifts of the Spirit and evidence of miracle power.

Advance: Which brings me to my next question: Is it true that Christians are personally experiencing signs from the Lord as a tangible outgrowth of this revival?

Brandenburg: Yes, people are seeing healings of cancer, heart conditions, incurable diseases and crippling disorders. One lady was to have her arm amputated at the shoulder because of cancer and pain. God completely healed her, and she is free of all medication.

Holland: We are also beginning to experience unusual qualities from this revival. Open, loud, joyful worship characterizes the meetings. Gifts of the Spirit are setting people free in many areas of their lives. Frequent communion helps us focus on the cross ministry of Jesus. Every believer is encouraged to witness, lead people to

Christ, and start Bible studies where they work or live. We are "saved to serve"—we carry the mantle of reaching our generation with the gospel.

Advance: Foursquare members around the world would love to see this dynamic revival come to pass. How can we specifically pray for you?

Kurtz: Pray that the Lord will send us laborers, unique servants who will recognize what God is doing and move with Him. We have a great desire to see the Foursquare Gospel as part of God's cutting edge in all 50 states. Pray that openings will be made for Foursquare works in Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Delaware. Then the Foursquare Gospel will be at work in all of the United States.

Holland: I have an analogy to share, if I may, which may bring together this discussion. In Joshua chapter 14, Caleb relates the story of how he was sent by Moses to inspect the promised land. "And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, but my brothers who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt with fear. I, however, followed the

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—J. Eugene Kurtz, Supervisor, Eastern District of Foursquare Churches

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—David Holland, Pastor, Easton Foursquare Church, Massachusetts

The military chaplains who represent the Foursquare denomination serve with such spiritual effectiveness and ministry skill that they are rated by their Commanders as being among the highest men of God in the military.

Certainly, the call of God to serve as a Foursquare United States military chaplain requires dedication to a most unique style of ministry. The chaplain must minister with the distinctives of his denomination and, at the same time, serve servicemen from varied religious backgrounds—some with no religious background at all.

In order for a clergyman to serve as a military chaplain, he must hold a Master of Divinity degree, be ordained, then be ecclesiastically endorsed to the military from his Church. Currently, eight Foursquare chaplains serve active duty.

As Chairman of the Foursquare Chaplaincy Commission, I suggest that every member and friend of our great national church pray regularly for our Foursquare chaplains, as they represent us to the military youth and officers of our great country.

Chaplain (CPT) Michael S. Dickey rises early and runs with the troops before breakfast in order to gain opportunity to present morning devotions to hundreds of these men.



Chaplain Dickey served as a soldier with the United States Army and saw firsthand the great need for godly military chaplains. Serving as pastor/chaplain of Morris Hill Chapel, Fort Riley's largest chapel with great impact on housing areas, he has been uniquely blessed in developing non-traditional ministries which introduce soldiers and families to know Christ.

Most recently, Chaplain Dickey was honored in hosting the Chief of Army Chaplains, Major General Patrick Hessian, as well as the 5th and 6th Army chaplains, in their mobilization exercise. He expresses gratitude for the opportunity "to serve the Lord in a fellowship with the vision and resolve which the Foursquare Church possesses."

Chaplain (MAJ) Willard I. Ghere instructs newly commissioned officers and infantry soldiers subjects based on godly character and righteousness.



Chaplain Ghere has served for 10 years as a Foursquare chaplain in the United States Army. He is currently the only chaplain/instructor at the United States Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. This school produces Army officers from previously enlisted soldiers and is the only such school in the entire U.S. Army.

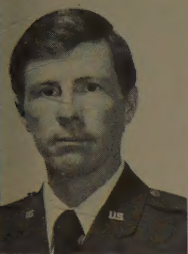
Chaplain Ghere teaches newly commissioned officers from the Infantry Branch in leadership subjects such as counseling, ethics, values, motivation and communications. Among his highest awards are the Army Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

By Dr. Paul E. Jones

IN TODAY'S LIFE & DEATH MILITARY THE SOUL MATTERS MOST



Chaplain (CPT) James M. Hough, "spice of life" comes through an adult education program he instituted called "SPICE" (Serving People In Christian Education).



Chaplain Hough serves as a United States Air Force chaplain at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Florida. He is responsible for the religious education program, and has also instituted a Sunday evening praise and worship service. As chaplain, Hough exhibits leadership in the community in human relations and military moral welfare.

His wife, Patty, serves as President of the Protestant Women of the Chapel, is active in the Women's Fellowship Group, and currently serves as Chairman of the Officers' Wives Club.

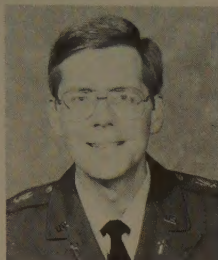
Chaplain Hough recently wrote, "My wife and I are thankful to serve the Lord in this vast field where there is so much to do and a great harvest to be accomplished for the Lord."

Chaplain (MAJ) Michael J. Matheny recently converted a mobile trailer to a chapel and counseling vehicle so he could use it with the troops while they are on weeks of duty in the field away from a chapel ministry.

Chaplain Matheny has served as a chaplain for 13 years with the United States Army. He has served with distinction.

He has recently been assigned as deputy brigade chaplain to the 194th Armored Brigade at Fort Knox, Kentucky. The brigade consists of almost 6,000 soldiers, not including their families. Seven chaplains and seven assistants compose the chaplaincy staff. Soon, Chaplain Matheny will become brigade chaplain to the Army's largest armored brigade.

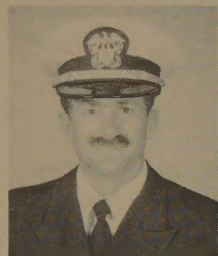
Chaplain (CPT) Daniel A. Miller extends his ministry through a radio program aired daily on four stations in his area.



Chaplain Miller is stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama, the home of Army aviation. Raised in a home where his father served 30 years as an Army officer, he served six years as an artillery Army officer. Seeing the great spiritual need there, Miller was soon sworn in as a U.S. Army chaplain.

As a battalion chaplain within the aviation brigade, Chaplain Miller has the responsibility of providing pastoral care for more than 2,300 soldiers, plus their families. These soldiers include infantry men, artillery men, aviation and administrative personnel. In addition, he co-pastors one of the three Protestant chapels on post, conducting two weekly services.

Chaplain (LT) Coy B. Newton, III, assigned to five United States destroyers, hops from ship to ship by helicopter, whaleboat, or highline. He says, "These modes of travel force me to keep up my prayer life!"



Chaplain Newton of the U.S. Navy is serving sea duty in the Indian Ocean. Spiritual leader for nearly 1,500 men on 5 destroyers, he is finding a very fulfilling ministry with countless opportunities to share Jesus Christ with men who are open and seeking spiritual values.

Before going overseas last fall, one of the destroyers had a "skeleton" crew on board and only three sailors showed up for service on Sunday morning. When the service

concluded, Chaplain Newton extended an invitation, with all three sailors committing their life to Christ as Saviour.

Chaplain (CDR) Larry G. Sellers was recently asked, "Can a young person really love and serve the Lord in the military, amidst all the peer-pressured atmosphere?" His answer was an unequivocal, "Yes!"



Chaplain Sellers has served as a chaplain for 17 years with the United States Navy. He is currently stationed at the U.S. Coast Guard Center in Petaluma, California, as the Protestant chaplain who ministers

to all military personnel, including dependents and civilian personnel. Chaplain Sellers relates many opportunities to witness God's power, as individuals are saved and commitments are made to serve the Lord.

Chaplain Sellers joins with other Foursquare chaplains in requesting our readers to support their military personnel by prayer, correspondence, and remembrance packages including goodies, Christian reading, etc.

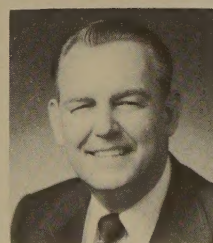
Chaplain (CPT) Thomas R. Wesley defines himself as a "troop chaplain," spending the majority of his time directly with the soldiers.



Chaplain Wesley, assigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky, effectively pastors people because he is willing to share in their lives in a very concrete manner. As Army chaplain, his mission is simplistic

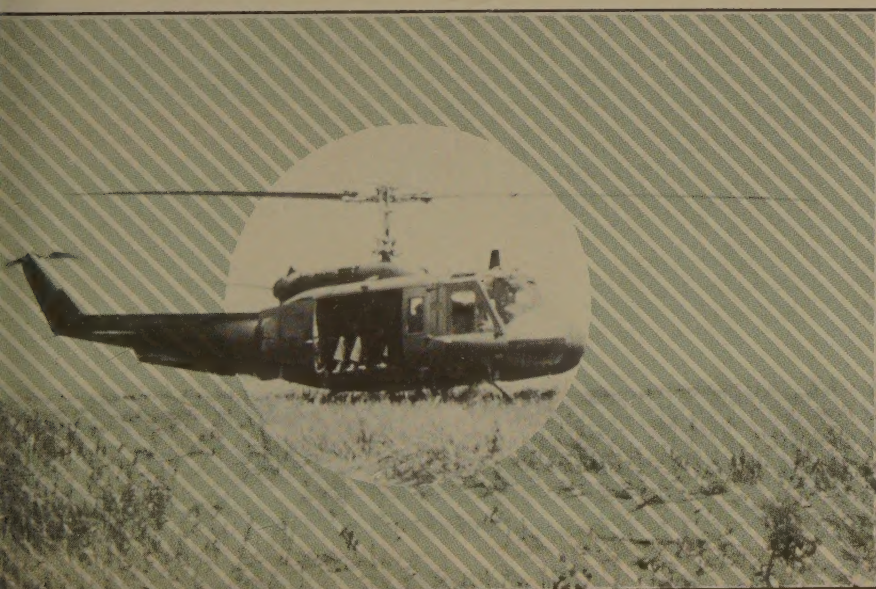
and yet profound: namely, to help soldiers establish a relationship with our loving Lord and to experience a life of peace in God's Kingdom.

Chaplain Wesley in a recent letter speaks so well for all of the Foursquare military chaplains, "The United States military chaplaincy is a demanding, yet fulfilling vocation. The chaplain finds himself called to be a pastor, missionary and prophet."



Dr. Paul E. Jones has served on the Foursquare Chaplaincy Commission for 10 years, serving as Chairman for the last 5 years. As the duly appointed endorsing agent for the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Dr. Jones meets each October in Washington, D.C., with endorsing agents

from approximately 90 denominations, the Chief of Chaplains, and the chaplaincy staff from the Army, Navy and Air Force. For the last 3 years, he has served as Chairman of all endorsing agents and chaplains who are part of the National Association of Evangelicals.



*"They are not my 'mission field,'
but more so, my friends and
brothers."*

*—Rev. Ron (and Carole) Williams,
Field Supervisor,
Hong Kong and Macao*

Together H

REV. RON WILLIAMS: "What keeps me on the mission field are the deep, loving relationships which our family has cultivated with the Chinese believers. My greatest hope is to simply be of service and support to them."

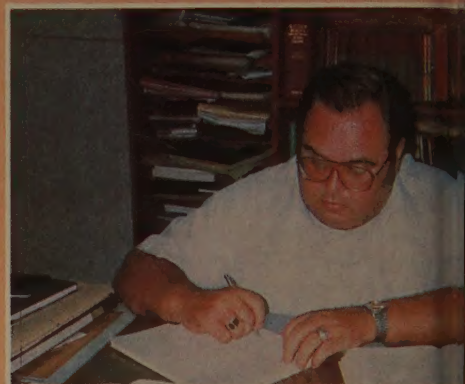


Ron Williams is presently the Field Supervisor in Hong Kong and Macao, working with the churches, Christian high school and orphanage. Ron represents the Field Board to government authorities and is responsible for the shepherding of pastors. In addition, he manages the field district office.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT. Ron, his wife, Carole, and their sons feel strongly about the involvement of the whole missionary family. All speak fluent Chinese, having served in Hong Kong and Macao since 1969. Carole takes an active part working with the Hong Kong Women's Fellowship which reaches out to English speaking professional women.

A TIME OF RIPENING. Ron states, "It is exciting to see the maturity taking place among our Chinese leadership, especially on the Field Board." Over the past three years, Board members have had to make very demanding decisions regarding the future direction of Foursquare ministries. "Their spiritual insight and reliance on the Lord have been most encouraging!" shares Ron.

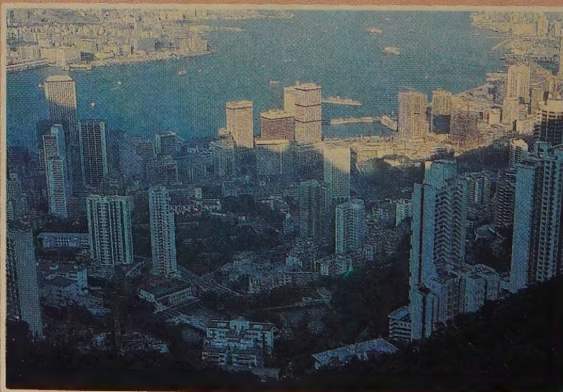
(Top row, left) Ron Williams, Field Supervisor, takes study seriously because, in his words, "My greatest hope is to simply be of service and support to the Chinese believers."



(2nd row, left) Pastor and Mrs. Kreisler Lee and Bible students pose outside the headquarters church in Hong Kong.



(3rd row, left) Ron shares with Ada Poon, pastor of the Macao Foursquare Church. "These are my friends and brothers," says Ron.



A PROFILE OF FOURSQUARE WORLD MINISTRIES HONG KONG

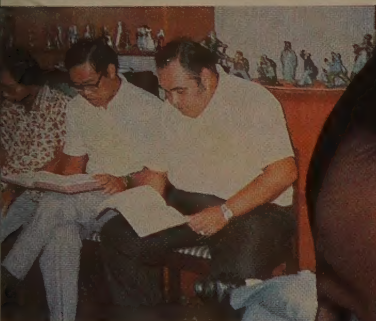
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(Top row, right) The Williams family feels strongly about the involvement of each family member. Here they share with a Bible student.



(2nd row, right) Searching youth are finding identity in Jesus Christ. This group of young people attended the 1983 summer camp.



(3rd row, right) Ron and district workers study the Word of God. "It is exciting to see the spiritual maturity taking place among the leadership," says Ron.

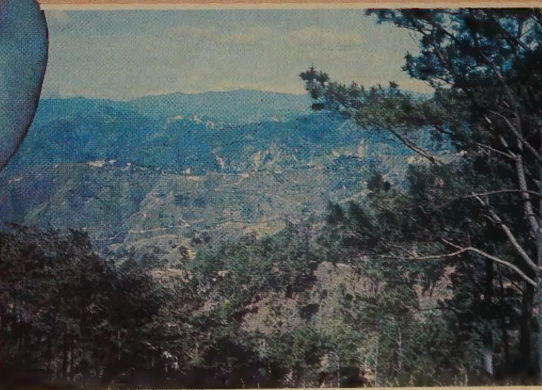
AN IDENTITY FOR THE YOUNG. At the same time, there is an identity crisis in general among many youths in China. "In the Chinese race and culture, personal value is seen only in light of its relationship to the rest of creation and community," Ron explains. "This concept is much different from the individualism of the North Americans. Yet, Hong Kong is one of the most crowded, cosmopolitan cities of the world, thus exposing the Chinese to Western materialism and worldview!

"For the youth who desire to imitate the West, a serious identity crisis is created. Thus, evangelism among this age is quite fruitful." Many of the youth of Hong Kong have no religion. But many are finding their identity in Christ Jesus through the ministry of our Hong Kong churches in the high school and orphanage.

Prayer & Action Focus

- Pray that the Lord will guide Ron and the national leaders through important decisions for the future of the Church in Hong Kong.
- Pray that the Lord may redeem more lives in Hong Kong through the Foursquare ministry.
- Pray for the national workers in Hong Kong and throughout the world, that they, and we, may bring God's message to Chinese everywhere...

Together!



INTERNATIONAL UPDATE... A REPORT OF FOURSQUARE WORLD MINISTRIES



GOD'S GRACE GRACES BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

GROWTH IN NUMBERS. Daniel and Heli Larson, missionaries in Colombia, South America, report the Lord has been adding significant numbers of new converts to His Church. Scheduled Wednesday mornings are midweek praise and worship services in La Castellana.

Large numbers of newcomers attend Wednesday morning meetings in the town of El Chico, due to the enthusiastic invitations of many Christians in the church. Consequently, each month a steady flow of people have been accepting the Lord. Sixty believers were baptized in water! Earlier in the year, a Thursday night prayer meeting was organized with a handful of people present. In nine months it has blossomed into a meeting of 80-100 people!

A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD. In Bogota, religious traditions have molded many believers to seek out an intercessor such as a saint, priest, or pastor, through whom they feel God can hear them. Now these new believers are becoming aware that they themselves are blessed with the ability to speak to God by praying directly to Him in the name of Jesus Christ! As a result, more and more believers are entering into a closer relationship with the Lord.

"SPIRITUAL CLINIC." The "Spiritual Clinic," headed by Drs. John and Jean Firth, is a weekly meeting in which a group of dedicated men and women minister inner healing, counseling and deliverance to those both inside and outside the church. These meetings have produced positive results. One woman was healed as she received deliverance—her spinal column was straightened and a short leg was lengthened.

FAITH IN CHRIST HEALS ALL WOUNDS. Numerous cases have been reported of God's healing power. One woman was cured of a throat infection, another of a wound in the foot caused by a rusty nail. A young man tormented



These believers in Bogota, Colombia, have found they can joyfully worship Jesus Christ directly, rather than traditionally seeking out a religious intercessor.

Believers in Bogota, Colombia, squeeze into five separate "house churches." Their goal: one church building for 20,000!

by evil spirits due to family dealings with the occult in the past, through prayer, was completely set free. Jesus is indeed a wonderful Savior!

A CHURCH FOR 20,000! One of the next objectives in Bogota is to build a church in El Chico large enough to seat 20,000 people! The churches in La Castellana and El Chico are located on the first floors of five separate houses originally designed for families, not churches. The believers are virtually squeezed in together on Sundays. Their goal is to have "one church" where all can praise God under one roof.

A MISSIONARY CHURCH. The Holy Spirit has indicated that He intends the church in Bogota to be a missionary church. He promised that as it grows in spiritual strength, grace and maturity, the Lord will send out those whom He

chooses to start other churches in Colombia and parts beyond!

RUNS BACK TO CHRIST. Rev. Masui relates a story about a woman who called him to pray for her 18-year-old son. The son had run away from home a year before, keeping company with a rough gang of boys. As a result of prayer, a meeting was set up between Rev. Masui and the youth. The first words the boy said to Rev. Masui were, "Pastor, I want to accept Jesus." Now the youth is serving the Lord! Hallelujah!

INCREDIBLE IMPACT. During August God's grace was displayed through a team of 25 people from the Foursquare Church in Gresham, Oregon, who visited Japan for a month of "Friendship Evangelism." They produced an incredible impact on the churches in Japan through team unity and leadership. The Foursquare church experienced incredible growth. The youth group doubled in size and a new Foursquare church was opened in the city of Naha. Praise the Lord! The goal in Japan is to open more churches throughout the country and bring unity to all the churches in Asia.

(Top left) Pastors from all over Papua New Guinea rejoice in steady growth.

(Top right) Respect for the gospel is clearly seen in these faces of Papua New Guinea as they participate in water baptism.

(Box insert) Rev. David and Kay Masui and their sons see Christ work time and again in Japan.

(Below) Committed believers meet in Kawagoe, Japan. Their goal is to open more churches in Japan and bring unity to all churches in Asia.

OD'S POWER PROTECTS RING SEVERE ODDING IN PAPUA U GUINEA

OPPORTUNITY FOR TESTIMONIES. In early October brought severe flood waters to Lae which resulted in several thousand people being left homeless. Christians attending Lae Foursquare Church testified of God's powerful protection. In fact, only one family from the church lost their home to the raging flood water! Because of testimonies when Christians shared God's power in protecting them, several families came to the church where they accepted Christ as their Savior!

CHILD CURED OF HEPATITIS. Recently a pastor felt the need to visit and minister to a woman with problems in her family. When he arrived at the house, his heart moved with compassion. He witnessed the many problems the woman faced. Her biggest problem was that her child had contracted a bad case of hepatitis. After praying, God's power was ministered and the child broke out in a sweat. During a second visit to the family, the pastor discovered the Lord had healed the child completely! Thanks be to Christ our Savior.

NEW CHURCHES, STEADY GROWTH. Pastors from all divisions in Papua New Guinea report steady growth in numbers and the birth of several new village churches. Pray for a new Foursquare Gospel Church in the national capital, Port Moresby, by 1984.

FFEE SHOP ANSFORMED INTO OUSE OF GOD IN JAPAN

IG PLANS. God has provided the believers in Japan a new meeting place for church services, according to Rev. David Masui in Kawagoe. An empty coffee shop has been transformed into a meeting place for Christians, as the previous building proved insufficient. Masui explains,



"We became aware of an empty coffee shop and I made an appointment to meet the owner. What a surprise to discover he was a Christian! When he found out why we wanted the shop, he told us we could use it free for two

years!" According to Rev. Masui, this will save the church at least \$22,400 in rent! Plans are also being made to use the shop as a place of evangelism, a bookstore and a classroom for teaching English.

1984 T.A.S.T.E. TEAM OUTREACH

An exciting agenda for T.A.S.T.E. Team activities has been prepared for the 1984 season. We are emphasizing Chris-

tian college age and adult participation as our missionaries are requesting people with construction abilities and other such skills.

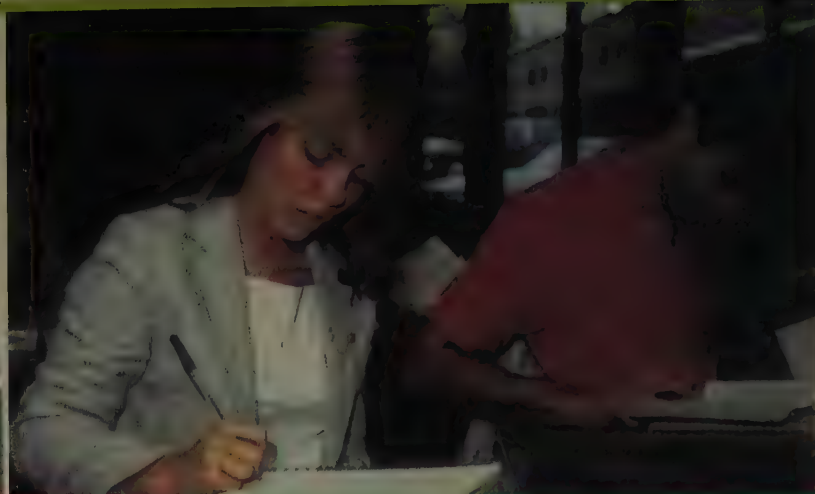
Team arrangements and activities are as follows:

Target Nation	Departure Point	Proposed Activity	Dates
Puerto Rico	Chicago, IL	Remodel Bayamon Church	Jan. 25-Feb. 8
Honduras	St. Maries, ID	Childrens Ranch Construction	Mar.15-Apr. 1
Panama	Los Angeles, CA	Youth Camp Construction	April 23-May 3
Costa Rica	Los Angeles, CA	Church Construction	June 15-30
Venezuela	Portland, OR	Evangelism & Youth Conferences	July 2-18
Hong Kong	Los Angeles, CA	Study Group	July 10-25
Haiti (I)	Los Angeles, CA	Evangelism	July 15-30
Mexico	Los Angeles, CA	Evangelism	August 1-15
Haiti (II)	Columbus, OH	Evangelism	August 1-15
Brazil	Los Angeles, CA	Music/Evangelism	August 6-20

Those who desire additional information should write to: T.A.S.T.E. Teams '84; c/o Edgar Coombs, Foursquare Missions International, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026. Or call: (213) 484-1100, Ext. 34.



The students you see in these pictures need additional financial assistance to complete their Bible college education. Overlooking the Mount Vernon Bible College campus is the Erickson Memorial Chapel. Here, spiritual refreshment is given at chapel times, and the community is invited for special services.



Education

By Mount Vernon Bible College staff

The Coin In Your Hand

Imagine what Peter must have felt.... Do you remember how Jesus miraculously provided money for His followers one day? Peter had been told by Jesus to go to the seashore, pull a coin from a fish's mouth, and bring the money back to the group (cf. Matthew 17:27). This "miracle money" allowed the disciples to pay their debts and to continue following Christ.

Imagine what Peter felt as he looked at the coin in his hand.

That same miracle is repeated time and again each year on Foursquare Bible college campuses. There is one difference, however. Peter is no longer the delivery person. Today, that role is being filled by others whom Christ has blessed—people near you—your fellow church members, Christian friends and relatives, neighbors, colleagues and business associates. Each is honoring God by giving financial support to our three colleges: L.I.F.E. Bible College at Los Angeles, Mount Vernon Bible College, and L.I.F.E. Bible College of Canada.

But where do YOU fit into this picture? When God has showered His blessings upon you, have you kept the "coin" in your hand, or have you been

Tuition pays little more than a third of our Foursquare Bible colleges' operating costs.

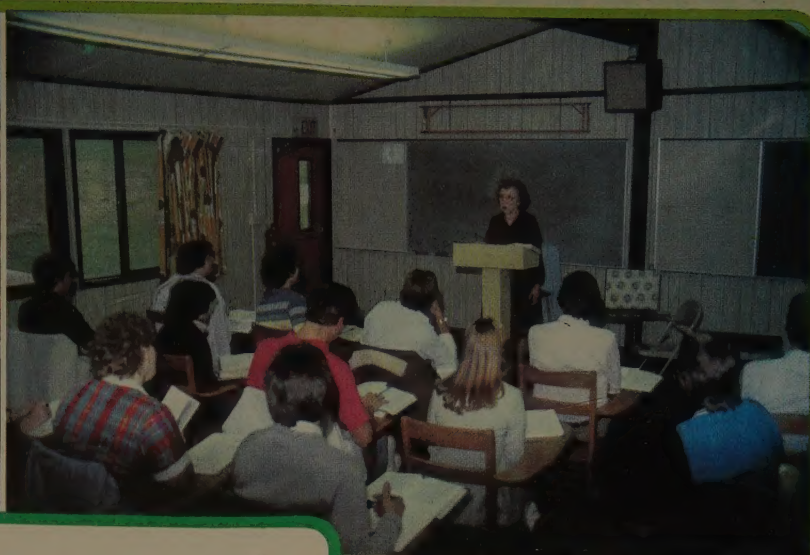
faithful to bring it back to share with the group?

The Great Commission challenges us to preach the gospel in the uttermost parts of the world. Our colleges prepare preachers, teachers, translators, and administrators needed to carry out the mission. Yet the resources required to do this work are great. Right now there are library shelves without books... dormitories without adequate furnishings... departments in need of more facilities... members...and scholarship funds which run low. Tuition pays only one third of the necessary operating costs.

Where does the balance come from? From millionaires? From fish mouths?

No, normally not. But it does come from concerned believers, such as the late Mrs. Mary Ethel Helm, a quiet, unassuming woman who went to heaven with Jesus last year. For many years Mrs. Helm enjoyed a close friendship with Rev. Nettie Lopp, a teacher at Mount Vernon Bible College. Rev. Lopp had been Mrs. Helm's pastor for two years.

Once, on a friendly visit, Mrs. Lopp asked Mrs. Helm to consider using what God had placed in her hands to help Mount Vernon Bible College by including



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college in her estate.

Mrs. Helm honored this request. In September when her estate was ultimately settled, a bequest of \$34,000 was given to Mount Vernon Bible College in Mrs. Helm's name. This "coin" in her hand came at the most needed of all possible times: right at the end of summer's three long months with no student income for the college. The timing was contemporary; the miracle was as of old.

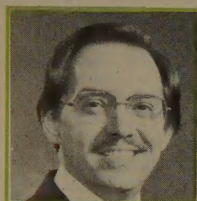
How interesting to note that exactly one year earlier a similar situation had inspired at L.I.F.E. Bible College, Los Angeles. In June, 1982, L.I.F.E. Bible College was notified of a bequest. The check arrived that September...in the amount of \$27,500.

Similar signs of generosity have been seen recently at Canadian L.I.F.E. Bible College in British Columbia. Last spring a blind student without funds to begin second year of study was suddenly given a full scholarship by an anonymous donor. This summer a need for a new computer on campus was met by a \$1000 donation from one family.

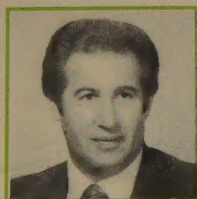
The "coin" in YOUR hand is also needed. No donation is too small. Simply write to one of the three col-

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The large brick building above is the main facility of Mount Vernon Bible College. Included are dorm rooms, offices, dining room, and library. Dr. Florence Gamble is shown teaching in the Vincent R. Bird Student Center. Jennie King is pictured serving as librarian. Finally, there is always time for some good banjo pickin' between studies.

Inside Our Foursquare Family



Supervisor Emeritus Fred D. Beard Gains Final Destination

By Dr. Roy H. Hicks, Sr.,
General Supervisor

These few words are in simple and sincere tribute to a man who ministered among us for 39 years. Former Midwest District Supervisor, Dr. Fred D. Beard, Supervisor Emeritus, went to be with the Lord on December 2, 1983.

Dr. Fred Beard was born in Alabama, one of a family of eight children. Moving to Texas, he graduated from high school in 1923. Soon he met a lovely young lady named Edna Duvall, and they were married on July 8, 1927. He later confided to a friend that he felt she was the "one" when he first saw her!

The newlyweds entered L.I.F.E. Bible College in Los Angeles and, upon graduating in 1931, returned to help with a revival meeting in Gilliam, Texas, remaining as pastors. In the 3½ years they ministered there, the Beards pioneered churches in Weinert, Knox City, Lubbock and Plainview, and held revivals in neighboring

cities. Several strong churches exist in these cities today as testimony to their ministry.

A significant challenge occurred when the Beards were called to San Antonio, Texas. The former pastor had left town, leaving them to survey a sad scene: a group of church members, looking to their new pastors for guidance, with nothing to offer but a tent which the wind had blown down!

This venture had to be one of faith! There was no District assistance in those days. Dr. and Mrs. Beard found a building and, in order to pay the required deposit, Dr. Beard mortgaged his car. But before he could sign the papers, the exact amount of money he needed came in the mail! This so encouraged his faith that he promised the landlord the balance of the money on a certain day! Dr. Beard was so confident that the Lord would answer prayer that he and his wife met the mailman on his way to their house...and sure enough, the check was in the mail!

Dr. Beard served ten years as State Superintendent of Texas. After this, while enjoying a successful term of ministry in Little Rock, Arkansas, Dr. Beard was appointed as Midwest District Supervisor in

1944. Despite the reapportionment of District which eliminated a number of churches from the Midwest, the District grew enormously in all phases in the years of his leadership.

One of the outstanding qualities of a dear brother was his great compassion for the missionary work of our denomination. Also, Dr. Beard always had a great burden for young people and led the Midwest District pastors in acquiring properties for youth camps. One of these properties in Missouri was named "Pomme De Terre" ("Flower of the Earth"). A lovely series of buildings were constructed in ensuing years and is presently the site of many youth activities through the year.

Retiring from the office of Midwest District Supervisor in 1970, Dr. and Mrs. Beard lived for a time near the youth camp in Missouri. Just recently they had moved to Orlando, Florida, to be near their son Gordon, and his family.

Dr. Beard will be long remembered by those of us who knew him for his great love of the Lord Jesus and for the strong leadership and zeal with which he served Christ.

Constitutional Liberties Rally by Satellite April 7

On Saturday night, April 7, a live, fast-paced, two-hour video conference will originate in Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C., and will beam via satellite into 500 cities to be viewed in public and private facilities by several hundred thousand people.

Why?: To bring together traditional, family-oriented Americans who are concerned about protecting our personal, financial and religious liberties. (To mention a few issues of concern...rampant pornography and drug use, forbidding prayer in schools and public places, increasing crime rates.)

This rally will provide the know-how that lay citizens can use. Appearing will be President Ronald Reagan, Efrem Zimbalist, Jr., Dr. James Dobson, Francis Schaeffer, Bill and Gloria Gaither, and others. For more information, call: 1-800-423-5509.

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Lord my God wholeheartedly. So on that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.'" (vs. 7-9, NIV).

Pastors in New England see an uncanny parallel between this ancient story of Caleb rising up to possess the promised land and God's current workings especially in New England. We believe time has come to claim the land God has promised us by preaching the Lordship of Jesus Christ to

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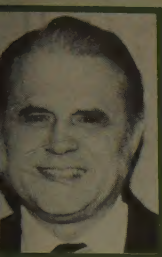
Yankee hearts.

Our Pilgrim forefathers set out from England via Holland to found a society where one could worship freely. In those early days and the subsequent "Great Awakening" in the 1700s, this area was coldly unresponsive to the gospel. Similarly, the children of Israel were delivered out of the spiritual and physical bondage in Egypt to go to a land God would show them.

Another parallel comes sharply into focus as we see that the people became afraid at the report of the spies who accompanied Caleb. Sister Aimee Semple

McPherson, Gypsy Smith, and other veritable Calebs spied out the land and brought back good reports. But the Church did not rise up to claim the land. God's Word has given a promise (a command) to this new generation to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

Our generation must produce pioneer pastors, and garner supporting finances and ministries to plant local churches. New England is that untouched portion of our country, fallow ground as it were. But we can stand as Caleb in the promise that "the land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance."



Another Infallible Proof?

For centuries, it was preachers who preached of an eventual end of the world. Scientists scoffed at the idea. Since Hiroshima, however, scientists and statesmen outdo clergymen in preaching that man's madness may cremate civilization in a nuclear holocaust.

Similarly, for centuries churchmen doubted the genuineness of the Shroud of Turin. Nowadays, scientists outdo them in validating the claims of this 14'3" by 3'7" linen cloth woven in a herringbone pattern.

Since serious scientific study of the Shroud in the 1970s, headlines have proliferated like, "World-Renowned Scientist Is Convinced: 'This is the Shroud That Covered Christ'". Reporter

Bob Temmey quoted Dr. Max Frei of the University of Zurich, one of the world's top investigative scientists who specializes in tracing where a fabric has been through pollen analysis, that after a long investigation:

"My tests have convinced me that this Shroud is in fact the cloth in which Christ's body was wrapped. I now have the statistical proof. My analysis of pollen grains has been confirmed under the electron microscope beyond any reasonable doubt."

The late Dr. Frei has proven that the Shroud was in Palestine and in Turkey. Tradition holds that the Crusaders brought it from Constantinople to France. Frei stated, "I isolated from the Shroud more than a dozen pollen grains from plants growing in Jerusalem. They grow only in the Near East. I am absolutely sure the pollen of this Shroud came from this area."

The possibility of the Shroud being a product of forgery of any sort seems to be absolutely out of the question. The relatively few scientists or authors, like Walter McCrone and Joe Nickell, who have pontificated methods of possible forgery, have been thoroughly refuted by

other authorities.

What clinched my change of attitude from total skepticism to virtually total acceptance of the Shroud as genuine was the report that Loyola (Chicago) University professor Francis Filas had proven that the coins which covered the eyes of the man of the Shroud, as imprinted on the Shroud, were in fact rare leptonas minted by Pontius Pilate in Palestine.

Acts 1:3 mentions "many infallible proofs" of Christ's resurrection. Has God given us another infallible proof in the Shroud of Turin? Some scientists say the answer is "Yes." Last April, on the PTL Satellite Network, as astute an authority as Presbyterian D. James Kennedy also answered "Yes."

The Christian faith does not need the Shroud to prove the resurrection. No event of ancient history can compare with Christ's resurrection in the availability of historical evidences. We don't need the Shroud, but we welcome the results of the Shroud's convincing of many that the resurrection actually occurred. Jesus lives!

Dr. Cox is the pastor of the Salem, Oregon, Foursquare Church.

Viewpoint



Half a Billion Are Better Off

Half a billion persons with handicaps are better off today because of the 1983 proclamation of the "Decade of Disabled Persons." This worldwide effort by our secular society has awakened the Church's obligation to the physically, mentally, and emotionally handicapped individuals living within reach of the local church. Not all denominations needed the

reminder; some are very busy caring for the blind, deaf, and mentally retarded in their congregations.

New laws regarding the rights of the handicapped have been established. Special education for all children is now provided. Public transportation, parking lots and buildings note services to the handicapped by the wheelchair logo displayed. The disabled can have more independence and dignity when provided with these accommodations.

The Church is challenged to increasingly meet the spiritual needs of this vast number of people who are seeking salvation and enrichment for their souls. As I write this article, I feel assured that many congregations have, this past year, become aware of their responsibility to join other churches in ministering to the handicapped. This interest is manifested by special literature for the blind, classes for the mentally retarded, and interpreters for the deaf. Buildings are being built and rebuilt to accommodate the physically disabled.

The breaking down of attitudinal barriers toward handicapped persons has changed

down through the ages. Where is the Church in the timeline of God? Lev. 21:16-24 tells of the priestly rules as set by God at the time of Moses. Thanks to Jesus and His compassion spoken in parables in Luke 14:12-14, 16-24...the disabled were compelled to come in. In Isaiah the 53rd chapter we read that Jesus understands those he bore the grief for. Calvary brought access to all and the veil was rent in two (Matt. 27:51).

Isaiah 53:1-10 also gives to all a hope of everlasting wholeness in the redeeming grace of God. There are those who receive their wholeness and healing today. Others will wait. Perfection is not the criterion by which we serve God. Worshipping together brings healing to our souls and joy to our hearts.

We are in the second year of the "Decade of the Disabled," and one year closer to the coming of the LORD! Let us prepare to stand before Him and hear Him say, "I know you."

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